

CATHOLIC SISTER TELLS OF GERMAN OCCUPATION

BY GEORGE T. BYE

AMERICAN PRESS HEADQUARTERS, British Front (by mail).—Sister St. John came out from the cellar of the shell-broken hospital at Le Quesnoy to receive us. She was under thirty, and she looked at us from large gray-blue eyes with the brave steadiness of one who has been busy at good work.

"How do you do, Englishmen," she began, and advanced to shake hands. "I am pleased to the heart to see you. These fourteen days when the Englishmen have been coming closer and closer to Le Quesnoy have been my only happy days in four years. I have laughed to hear the explosions come louder and louder and to see the looks on the faces of the Germans—so—" and she made a mock face of great displeasure.

"You are surprised that I talk some English? I have learned from a wounded English prisoner. He was Irish, from Dublin, and was very rich. His name was Doyle, and he said the Doyle family was second in Ireland and very well known. I have just written his sister again. Here I have the address."

She also had his identification tag, a keepsake, she explained.

"He was such a good man and had such a bad hurt in the leg. He suffered so much, but no complaint. They had no food, only a very little, the poor brave English. Gentlemen, I have seen hundreds of Englishmen die from hunger here. The German wounded at the Civil Hospital had little to eat, but not a one died from starvation. Here they were dying by hundreds."

"The unwounded prisoners were driven to work very hard, also without food. Soon they would drop down and be carried in here. The German doctor would say 'This man is not sick. He pretends. He will need no treatment. Two—three days later the Englishman would be dead. The poor men, with the skin loose on their bones!'"

"Ah, I have seen such things in four years that I cry to the Englishmen when they march through today. 'Kill all the Germans you may. It is good to kill Germans. They are bad, bad!'"

"I am here at the prisoners' hospital from the start. They wanted me

at the German hospital but I say I wish to be here, and as I talk very good German they gave me more choice than the other sisters. But, understand, the sisters were not badly treated. The people?—the civis? They had a very hard life. Little to eat, no money their houses filled with Germans, and always salute, salute, salute. When the civil do not salute the German officer there is at once a whipping, and the civil must go to the saluting place and salute the guard until weak."

"Three days ago they move all the wounded away. We have none here now. They move 117 Englishmen, four Americans. No, I could not remember the American names. They were all Englishmen to me,—no difference." Sister St. John was anxious about the mail. She wanted to send a letter to the mother house of the Children of Jesus, her sisterhood, in Lille. We offered to take it for her. When it was written, she insisted that we read it, then she fervently reread her thanksgiving that the Englishman had come and the Germans had gone. Her last words were a promise to pray for us, and we left her in the dusk standing beside the cellar entrance of the wide courtyard of the hospital. The distant gun flashes of heavy British artillery revealed the smile of rewarded faith that clung to her face.

TWO NEW CURATORS

H. J. Blanton and Judge James E. Goodrich Named by Gardner.

Governor Gardner Saturday made the following appointments on the Board of Curators of the University, each for a term of six years:

H. J. Blanton, Paris, Sixth Congressional District, Democrat, vice Judge A. D. Norton, St. Louis, term expired; D. L. Balsinger, Rolla, Sixteenth Congressional District, Democrat, reappointed; James E. Goodrich, Kansas City, Fifth Congressional District, Republican, vice Sam Sparrow, term expired.

Mr. Blanton is editor of the Monroe County Appeal and is one of the most widely known newspaper men in Missouri. He has served in many official capacities in connection with the Missouri Press Association and served as president in the term preceding the present one. At Journalism Week last May his newspaper was awarded a silver loving cup by the School of Journalism for having performed the most constructive work during the year.

Judge Goodrich has served as judge of the District Court in Kansas City.

EXPECT 600 IN R. O. T. C.

Instruction Will Be Given Indoors For the Present.

Approximately 600 students will be enrolled in the R.O.T.C. this term. The instruction will be given indoors in a series of lectures until the weather permits training outside. The former officers in the R.O.T.C. and the students who received commissions in the Army will be instructors.

The requirement in military training will be the same as it was before the organization of the S.A.T.C., two years being required of all men students.

That Indefinable Freedom of Seas. LONDON, Dec. 17 (By Mail).—A certain distinguished American was the guest of a number of notable Londoners at dinner. In order that he might have something to talk about when his time came, he asked the toastmaster to suggest that all present give their ideas of what is meant by "the freedom of the seas." All present did so. "And when they had finished," said the distinguished American, "I was as worse fix than before; I couldn't, in the least, tell what they'd been talking about."

LEGISLATURE TO ACT ON WORLD LEAGUE

Proposed Resolution Would Put State on Record in Favor of Plan.

TO SHOW EUROPE

Backers Would Contradict Impression Caused by Senate Appropriation.

The Paris Peace Conference will hear from the Missouri State Legislature this winter, if a concurrent resolution already proposed goes through with the speed expected. This resolution favors, in general terms, the establishment of a League of Nations with the United States as a charter member. Its principal backer is the State Branch of the League to Enforce Peace, and every member of that organization in the State has been asked to use his influence to have the measure adopted. Preparations have been made to introduce it during the opening days of the 1919 session.

The main purpose of the League in urging state legislatures to hasten favorable action on this question is to convince foreign representatives at the Peace Conference that, notwithstanding occasional opposition expressed in Congress, the people of the United States, as a whole, are heartily in favor of some kind of a world organization that will tend to prevent war. "The Peace Conference should know," says a letter received by the state officers of the League from National Headquarters, "that America wants a League of Free Nations that will make a practical effort to silence the tom-toms of war, to prevent the slaughter of men, to avoid the terrific waste of the fruits of the people's toil. From now until a peace treaty containing provisions for such a league is ratified by our United States Senate, there is something for every man and woman in America to do."

Proposed Resolution. The State branch of the League has submitted for the approval of the legislative leaders the draft of a concurrent resolution such as it seeks to pass. This provides as follows:

"Favoring the establishment of a League of Nations to enforce peace and aim at promoting the liberty, progress and orderly development of the world.

"Whereas, The war, now brought to a victorious close by the associated power of the free nations of the world, was above all else a war to end war and protect human rights.

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, * * * that we favor the establishment of a League of Nations of which the United States shall be a member. We believe that such a League should aim at promoting the liberty, progress, and orderly development of the world; that it should clinch the victory won at such terrible sacrifice by having the united potential force of all its members as a standing menace against any nation that seeks to upset the peace of the world."

In anticipation of discussion when the question comes to vote, the League has sent to every member of the new Legislature a printed compilation of opinions expressed by leading men here and abroad. The Americans quoted in favor of a League of Nations include President Wilson, Ex-President Taft and Oliver Wilson, Master of the National Grange. There is also an extract from a recent editorial by Theodore Roosevelt, which indicates that he favors a League of Nations, at least in a mild form. The Colonel says, "The United States cannot again completely withdraw into its shell. We need not mix in all European quarrels nor assume all spheres of interest everywhere to be ours, but we ought to join with the other civilized nations of the world in some scheme that in time of great stress would offer a likelihood of obtaining just settlements that will avert war."

Similar campaigns have been started by the League in every one of the thirty-three states whose Legislatures meet this month in regular session. In sixteen states concurrent resolutions approving the League of Nations plan were adopted during the war, but in view of the fact that the question has now become one of the most vital problems of peace and reconstruction, the legislatures of these states will be asked to repeat the endorsement.

APPOINT NEW "Y" SECRETARY

Paul Young of St. Louis Will Succeed W. E. Harquist.

Paul Young of St. Louis was appointed secretary of the local Y.M.C.A. last night at a meeting of the board of directors. He is replacing W. E. Harquist, who is leaving to take a position elsewhere.

Mr. Young was formerly a student of Wesleyan College at Middletown, Mass., where he did Y.M.C.A. work. When war was declared, he was sent to Fort Sill as a Y.M.C.A. worker. At the second draft call, he volunteered and was sent to Fort Dix, where he received a commission. His father is minister of the Union Methodist Church in St. Louis.

Baptists to Hold Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Baptist church will be held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. A report of last year's work will be made and new officers elected. After the business meeting refreshments will be served.

KERNER GOES TO AUSTRIA

University Teacher Sent to Study Conditions in That Country.

Robert J. Kerner, of the University faculty, a member of the United States Peace Delegation in Paris, has gone to Austria to study conditions. A dispatch from Paris says:

"A commission is being sent into Austria and the surrounding states by the American peace commissioners to study political, social and economic conditions. The commission, which is expected to arrive in Vienna next Monday or Tuesday, will be headed by Prof. A. C. Coolidge of Harvard University. It will have headquarters in Vienna and subagencies at Prague, Budapest, Agram and other places.

In addition to Mr. Coolidge, the members of the expedition are Prof. Robert J. Kerner of the University of Missouri, who has made a special study of Bohemian affairs; C. M. Storey of Boston, of the United States Department of Justice; Lieutenant-Colonel Sherman Miles, a former military attaché in the Balkan states; Lieutenant L. R. King of New York; Major Lawrence Martin, Captain Nicholas Roosevelt, Lieutenant R. C. Foster, Captain Dellach, Captain Walter Davis of the intelligence division of the general staff in Washington; Captain W. A. Pashkowski, Lieutenant Philip Goodwin and Lieutenant H. G. Campagnell.

CALIFORNIA MAY BE DRY

Legislature in That State Begins Session.

By United Press.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 6.—When the California legislature opened here today chief interest centered upon the action to be taken upon the national "dry" amendment.

Leaders of the "dry" forces claimed a majority in both the senate and house. The "drys" are stronger in the house than in the senate, and the "wets" dispute their claim to the senate.

The republican state platform endorses the "dry" resolution and Governor Stephens is for it.

"A resolution to make it unlawful to belong to the I. W. W. probably will be introduced.

After the session has continued for 30 days there will be a 30-day recess during which measures will be studied. The entire session is limited to 100 days.

TO LIFT GERMAN BLOCKADE

Economic Restraint Will Prevent Collecting of Indemnities.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The War Department let it be known today that it believes economic restraints against Germany must be relaxed if indemnities are paid by that nation. At the same time the view was expressed that the blockade may be lifted before the peace treaty is signed.

President Hill to Lecture.

President A. Ross Hill of the University will be one of the lecturers at the Westminster Forum this winter in Kansas City. The forum is held at the Westminster Congregational Church. President Hill's lecture will be given January 26. His subject will be "The Future Religion in America."

Soil Specialist Conducts Course.

B. W. Tillman, extension specialist in soils, departed Sunday evening to conduct a three-day school at Dresden, Pettis County. The school will start Monday. The last three days of the week Mr. Tillman will conduct a three-day school at Triplett, in Chariton County.

W. H. Rusk Conducting Schools.

W. H. Rusk, extension swine specialist, has gone to conduct a three-day school at Coater, Pemiscot County and a school at Wardell. Ralph Mason, poultry specialist, and W. R. Shelton, cotton specialist for the Frisco railroad, are assisting Mr. Rusk.

Columbia Man Sues for Divorce.

Claiming that she spent her time away from home, Elijah H. Salisbury of Columbia this afternoon filed suit for divorce against his wife, Marion Salisbury, in Boone County Circuit Court. Harrison Price is attorney for the plaintiff.

Postoffice Employees Sick.

The postoffice force has been hard hit by influenza this week, according to R. H. Gray, postmaster. Those absent from duty are: I. M. Barnes, City mail carrier; T. N. Kurtz, rural mail carrier and J. O. Bateman, money order clerk.

Teachers Meeting Off Until Fall.

The executive committee of the State Teachers Association met in St. Louis last week and decided to postpone the annual meeting until November. This means that there will be no meeting in the present school year.

Helps St. Louis Gardeners.

R. H. Emberson, state boys' and girls' club leader, was in St. Louis Saturday in connection with "garden club" work. St. Louis is planning to do a large amount of home garden work this season through boys' and girls' clubs.

Lieut. Harry M. Finley Home.

Lieutenant Harry M. Finley, a former student in the College of Agriculture, returned to Columbia Sunday night from Minneapolis, Minn., where he has been connected with the S.A.T.C. of the University of Minnesota.

Exams at the High School This Week.

The first quarter examinations will be held at the Columbia High School Thursday and Friday of this week.

CRITICISES THE S. A. T. C.

Nebraska Chancellor Declares It Was Not a Success.

Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska has corroborated in part the statement of Judge Lawrence Degraff of Des Moines that the student army's training corps has demoralized the colleges of the country.

"In so far as I have ascertained," said the Chancellor, "it is almost the unanimous opinion of educators that from an educational point the student army training corps has not been a success, that it may have been justified by the military necessity of the situation, but that it has not been a success educationally."

The Chancellor declined to discuss features mentioned by Judge Degraff regarding immorality or doubtful practices alleged prevalent among members of the corps.

COURT IN SESSION

Most of Today's Session Devoted to Setting Cases and Routine.

The January term of the Boone County Circuit Court began this morning, with David H. Harris as judge. Most of today's session was devoted to transfers, resetting of cases and other routine matters.

Judge David H. Harris, late this afternoon, lectured two boys who were brought before him for robbing.

TUESDAY CLUB WILL MEET

First Session of the Year Will Be Held Tomorrow.

The Tuesday Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. Mrs. C. W. Greene will talk on child welfare. Dr. Eva Johnston of the University faculty will give a report of the bi-ennial meeting in Hot Springs last April. There will be a musical program under the direction of Miss Frances Denny. All members are urged to attend, as there is business of importance to be transacted.

To Conduct Three-Day School.

S. T. Simpson, extension specialist in animal husbandry, left today to conduct a three-day school in Hemphel, Mo.

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A Tip to Short Course Men.

Farmer Brown—I hear that you've got an agricultural college graduate working for you.

Farmer Greene—Why, no—dinged if the scientific cuss hain't got me working for him, by jingo.—Town Topics.

To Organize Pig Club.

F. L. Wright, assistant state leader of boys' and girls' clubs, met with the Gillam, Mo., Commercial Club last week and made arrangements to organize a pig-feeding club.

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